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Dear Mr. Stippick:

Thank you for your electronic mail message to President Clinton expressing your views regarding the implementation of the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). The White House has asked me to respond to your message.

On May 7, 1997, the Commission adopted the Joint Board's recommendation to provide discounts for telecommunications services for schools and libraries ranging from 20 to 90 percent, with economically disadvantaged schools and libraries receiving the greatest discounts. The Commission adopted the Joint Board's recommended rule that would give schools and libraries maximum flexibility to apply their universal service discount to whatever package of telecommunications services they believe will meet their needs most effectively and efficiently. In addition to all telecommunications services, discounts may be applied to Internet access and internal connections.

The annual cap for the schools and libraries program is \$2.25 billion. During the first half of 1998, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) was directed to collect \$625 million for the school and libraries mechanism. Schools and libraries should begin to receive discounts this fall.

On June 12, 1998, the Commission revised the funding year for the schools and libraries support mechanism and froze the amount of funding for schools and libraries at current rates. With regard to the schools and libraries support mechanism, the Commission directed USAC to collect and disperse no more than \$325 million per quarter for the third and fourth quarters of 1998 and the first and second quarters of 1999. Because the revised funding amounts will not fully satisfy the estimated demand by the schools and libraries that have submitted applications, the Commission revised the disbursement rules to ensure that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries get priority for support. The annual cap remains unchanged. Although the collection amounts have been revised, we will continue our commitment to provide support to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections.

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Mr. John Stippick

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The Commission appreciates your interest in this important issue. Your letter will be entered into the public record of the universal service proceeding (CC Docket 96-45).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathryn C. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping underline.

Kathryn C. Brown
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[Message Information]

PURPOSE: — Seek assistance from the White House
TOPIC: Science or Technology
AFFILIATION: No Answer
SUBJECT: E-rate is Vital for Children's Future

[Message]

Dear Mr. President,

I work with children in the inner city of New York and its boroughs. I have personally visited schools where the poverty level is such that the parents cannot provide adequate resources for their own children. Subsequently, this means that they have no computers at home. These children at a tremendous disadvantage !

As an example, most of the schools in the Bronx cannot possibly ever afford to get internet access. These children with bright, willing minds might not ever be exposed to the power of collaboration, invention, and education available through the web.

Mr. President, I firmly believe that the opponents of E-rate have never been to these inner city schools first hand. Nor have they spoken directly to educators let alone the students themselves. May I suggest that you challenge Newt Gingrich to speak directly to an inner city school in person. I don't think he has the guts to show his face. He needs to ask them if E-rate is important not big business and other Telcos.

I have a career that involves technology and children because I believe in the future of our children. It has been my personal challenge to help inner city kids reach their full potential. Mr. President, the kids in the Bronx need your help. You can be known as the President that has taken a stand to hold the children by the hand and lead them into the 21st Century.

If I can be of future assistance to your office either directly or indirectly. Please feel free to call me at 1-888-216-7511.

Sincerely,

John Stippick